

IMPACTS OF EPA'S PROPOSED CARBON REGULATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of EPA's proposed carbon regulations on energy costs for American businesses, rural communities and families, including S. 1324, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to fulfill certain requirements before regulating standards of performance for new, modified, and reconstructed fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units, after receiving testimony from Joseph Martens, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner, Albany; Eugene M. Trisko, American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, on behalf of the United Mine Workers of America; Mary B. Rice, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the American Thoracic Society; and Paul N. Cicio, Industrial Energy Consumers of America, and Harry C. Alford, National Black Chamber of Commerce, both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Glyn Townsend Davies, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, William A. Heidt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to Mongolia, Atul Keshap, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, Alaina B. Teplitz, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, David Hale, of New

Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and Sheila Gwaltney, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AMERICAN ENERGY EXPORTS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy concluded a hearing to examine American energy exports, focusing on opportunities for United States allies and national security, after receiving testimony from Robert McNally, The Rapidan Group LLC, Bethesda, Maryland; David F. Gordon, Center for a New American Security, and Jamie Webster, IHS, both of Washington, DC; and Commander Kirk Lippold, USN (Ret.), Alexandria, Virginia.

REGULATORY BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee with the Committee on the Budget, concluded a hearing to examine accounting for the true cost of regulation, focusing on exploring the possibility of a regulatory budget, after receiving testimony from Tony Clement, Treasury Board of Canada, Ottawa; and Susan E. Dudley, Regulatory Studies Center, and Richard J. Pierce, Jr., School of Law, both of The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from members of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 2846–2866; and 2 resolutions, H.Res. 334–334 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 971, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare inde-

pendence at home medical practice demonstration program (H. Rept. 114–172, Part 1);

H.R. 387, to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–173);

H.R. 2620, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–174);

H.R. 805, to prohibit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration from relinquishing responsibility over the Internet domain name system until the Comptroller General of the United States submits to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect to such system, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–175);

H.R. 2576, to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–176); and

H. Res. 333, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2042) to allow for judicial review of any final rule addressing carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units before requiring compliance with such rule, and to allow States to protect households and businesses from significant adverse effects on electricity ratepayers or reliability, and providing for proceedings during the period from June 26, 2015, through July 6, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–177).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Farenthold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Barry Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate, Washington, DC.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 3:01 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

DOTCOM Act of 2015: H.R. 805, amended, to prohibit the National Telecommunications and Information Administration from relinquishing responsibility over the Internet domain name system until the Comptroller General of the United States submits to Congress a report on the role of the NTIA with respect to such system, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 25 nays, Roll No. 377;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for certain requirements relating to the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority stewardship transition.”

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TSCA Modernization Act of 2015: H.R. 2576, amended, to modernize the Toxic Substances Control

Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 378;

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Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 893, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town;

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Bullion and Collectible Coin Production Efficiency and Cost Savings Act: H.R. 1698, amended, to amend design and content requirements for certain gold and silver coins;

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United States Cotton Futures Act: H.R. 2620, amended, to amend the United States Cotton Futures Act to exclude certain cotton futures contracts from coverage under such Act;

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Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act of 2015: H.R. 1640, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region;

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DHS Paid Administrative Leave Accountability Act of 2015: H.R. 1633, amended, to provide for certain improvements relating to the tracking and reporting of employees of the Department of Homeland Security placed on administrative leave, or any other type of paid non-duty status without charge to leave, and for personnel matters;

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Homeland Security Drone Assessment and Analysis Act: H.R. 1646, amended, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how small and medium sized unmanned aerial systems could be used in an attack, and how to prevent or mitigate the effects of such an attack;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to research how certain commercially available small and medium sized unmanned aircraft systems could be used in an attack, how to prevent or mitigate the risk of such an attack, and for other purposes.”

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DHS IT Duplication Reduction Act of 2015: H.R. 1626, amended, to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security;

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Federally Funded Research and Development Sunshine Act of 2015: H.R. 1637, to require annual reports on the activities and accomplishments of federally funded research and development centers within the Department of Homeland Security;

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Homeland Security University-based Centers Review Act: H.R. 2390, amended, to require a review of university-based centers for homeland security; and **Pages H4574–76**

DHS Interoperable Communications Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 615, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to take administrative action to achieve and maintain interoperable communications capabilities among the components of the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages H4578–79**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:28 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H4579**

Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 1190, to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 154 nays, Roll No. 376. Consideration began on June 18th. **Pages H4579–80**

H. Res. 319, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 160) and (H.R. 1190) was agreed to on June 17th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

DHS FOIA Efficiency Act of 2015: H.R. 1615, amended, to direct the Chief FOIA Officer of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in the implementation of section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act); and **Pages H4570–72**

CBRN Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2015: H.R. 2200, amended, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear intelligence and information sharing functions of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security and to require dissemination of information analyzed by the Department to entities with responsibilities relating to homeland security. **Pages H4576–78**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H4549.

Senate Referral: S. 808 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4580, H4581, H4581–82. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

**RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2015;
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016**

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2042, the “Ratepayer Protection Act of 2015”; and H.R. 2822, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a modified-open rule for H.R. 2822. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI. The rule provides that after general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule except that: 1) amendments shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to amendment; and 2) no pro forma amendments shall be in order except that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 2042. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–20 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in